FIRST CHURCH MEMBER DIES OF PNEUMONIA WITH NO DOCTOR.

Healers From the Church Were There-A | night, when Undertaker Benedict had Sister Who Had Insisted on Calling In a Physician Arrested on a Charge of Intoxication-This Brings Coroner.

Mrs. Corinne E. McBride, the wife of Robert McBride, proprietor of the new Varuna apartment house, on the northeast corner of Broadway and Eightieth street, and a member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, died at the Varuna Saturday afternoon after a week's illness. She was attended only by Mrs. Crowley and Miss Duncan, heaters of her church.

The law provides that where a person dies who has not been attended by a regularly licensed physician within twentyfour hours the case must be reported at knowledge of the death, and failure to make | day." such a report is a misdemeanor. Mrs. McBride's death was not so reported. It was only through the arrest of her sister, Mrs. Alice Chesan, a lecturer and magazine writer, at the complaint of McBride, that the Coroner heard of the case. Mrs. Chesan was charged with "habitual intoxication," and when she was arraigned before Magistrate Walsh in the West Side police court she told enough to get the case before the

Coroner Acritelli ordered the police to take charge of the body until he could investigate.

The case is complicated by the fact that Dr. Alfred E. Weston, Coroner Acritelli's and gave a death certificate, accepting the word of those who had been in attendance-the husband, Mrs. Crowley and Mrs. Dr. Sarah E. Battey-that Mrs. McBride's death had apparently been caused by pneumonia. Dr. Battey explained that she had not attended Mrs. McBride, but as a friend had once or twice telephoned to see what progress she was making. She had called after hearing of the death. She was sure as a physician that pneumonia had caused death. Dr. Battey and her husband are both members of the First Church.

Coroner Acritelli saw Mrs. Chesan in the West Fifty-fourth street prison. She had not the appearance of a drinking woman but was very nervous. She declared she was not a drinker.

"My sister," said Mrs. Chesan, "became a Christian Scientist two years ago. She was very sincere. She tried to convert me, but I never believed in the cult and declined to have anything to do with them. Three weeks ago I took her down to Atlantic City and she seemed improved in health when I brought her home. But last Sunday she became very ill in the First Church at service. She was brought home and I wanted to call in a physician, but she prein the church and a great friend of Mrs. Stetson, and Miss Margaret Duncan came over. They said that my sister was not at all in a serious condition and if I carried out their instructions they would easily bring her around. They absolutely forbade anything like drugs, but said I could give any kind of nourishment. They first came in, looked at her and sat beside her bed with their faces buried in their hands for fifteen minutes or so. Then they read from time to time from Science and Health and then they prayed again They kept that up until Saturday afternoon about ! o'clock. Then my sister spoke up and said she knew she was losing ground.

"'Oh, you are all right,' Mrs. Crowley remarked. I could not stand it any longer. I saw that my sister was dying. I insisted on calling in a physician and suggested

"The trouble lies with you,' said Mis-Duncan. 'You are the discord. If you go way it will be all right.' I then decided to go and went to the home of my friend, Mrs. Harriet Blair, at 331 West Eighty-third street. I had hardly reached there when I heard that my sister had died. Just think of it, the last relative I had in the world and she died calling for me!" Mrs. Chesan here broke down and sobbed.

"I had been nursing her night and day for the entire week and was worn out. I got up early this morning. I think it was about 6 o'clock, and decided to go over and sit a little while with my sister. I had not eaten anything for several days, had been living on coffee, and my friend suggested that I take a little whiskey. I did so, although I seldom drink it. My brotherin-law refused to let me see my sister's body. I got excited, I admit that-who wouldn't?-and he had me arrested. I was packed into a patrol wagon with two negresses and a thief and taken to court. had hardly a minute before the Magistrate. I am locked up here without even a nickel to telephone to friends."

Coroner Acritelli called up Magistrate Walsh and suggested that Mrs. Chesan he released. The Magistrate said he would let her out on nominal bail and would see that she had a chance to communicate with friends, and he called up the prison officials and gave them instructions to that

The Coroner then went to the Varuna. There he was met by Mr. McBride and Mrs. Crowley. The latter seemed to be in charge of the apartments. The Coroner asked to see the death certificate. He was told that Undertaker Charles A. Benedict had it. He asked if Mrs. McBride had been attended by any physicians and was told that she

"She was cured in science of pneumonia three years ago," said Mrs. Crowley. "She was really not ill at all this time, had merely

a bad cold." "Did you give her any medicines?"

"I don't think so," said Mrs.Crowley Coroner Acritelli told the policeman to let nothing further be done until he gave orders. He then telephoned to Dr. Weston and asked why he had not reported the

"You go up there and make an autopsy." he said.

"I don't think it's necessary," Dr. Weston

"Well, I want an autopsy and that's all there is about it. I want to know if this woman's ailment was such that proper medical attention would have saved her life. If you don't make one I'll have somebody else do it. If there are no facilities

"Great heavens, don't do that. These people are all right," protested Dr. Weston. "Well, go ahead then."

Dr. Weston was asked by reporters how he got into the case. He said the first he knew of it was about 9 o'clock Saturday called on him and said there was a woman whose death had been sudden.

"I thought it queer until I heard it was case of Christian Science," said Dr. Weston. "Then I went to the house and found Dr. Battey there. I was assured by him that Mrs. McBride had a case of acute pneumonia. It was a typical case I was told that she had been treated by the Science folks, and as I understood that his was a regularly recognized religion and that the courts have recognized the right of a patient to have that kind of treatment I thought it was all right. I believe this decision of the courts is about to be crystallized into the medical unity law now pending in the Senate. I had not reported the case because it was Sunday and I don't go down on Sundays. The undertaker asked me if he should report once to the Coroners' office by those having it and I told him I would turn it in on Mon-

Coroner Acritelli said he had never known of a case where a Coroner's physician had assumed to take charge without first notifying the office.

"I am not prepared to say that a member of the Christian Scientist Church has not the right to commit suicide by refusing to have medical attendance, but I do know that whenever one exercises that right-if it is a right-it makes the case a case for the Coroner's office.'

V. O. Strickland, the press agent for Christian Science, assured the reporters that there was nothing unusual about the

"We called in two doctors, Dr. Battey and Dr. Weston," he said. He did not say when they were called in. "Anyway cannot a person be ill without asking for medical physician, was called in after death assistance? Here we are you and I. If you want a medical man you get him, if I don't want one I don't. A man has a right to choose between trusting in God and trusting in medicine. I don't see why the Coroner bothers with this case. And it certainly is not one for reporters."

Dr. Weston made the autopsy last night and said afterward that Mrs. McBride had died of pneumonia involving the right lung and pleurisy on the right side. He could not say absolutely whether she would have died or not had she had a doctor, but he thought it was more than

OVERBOARD WITH STILETTOS. Italian Line Steamer Pours a Libation of

Hardware to the Hudson. When the Italian Line steamship Citta di Milano arrived at Quarantine on Saturday the officers learned that there had been a crusade in this city against the carriers of revolvers and stilettos. Just before the ship docked every one of her 1,200 immigrants had heard that he would get into trouble if he had about him, or even in his baggage, weapons of any sort and that he had better get rid of them.

The immigrants took the advice seriously ferred to have Mrs. Crowley and Miss Dun- and the North River in the neighborhood can. Mrs. Anna Crowley, the best healer of Thirty-fourth street began to get frothy as it might be in a strictly local hailstorm Dirks, stilettos, revolvers and grounddown files began going over the rails. Some of the revolvers and a few knives were thrown on the pier, according to a chronicler who declares that he took pictures of them When the immigrants got to Ellis Island not a weapon of any sort was found on

LITTLE BALLOON GOES FAR. Goes Fast Also-Remarkable Results of

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN PARIS, April 28.—The giant aerostat l'Aigle, which ascended from St. Cloud yesterday evening at 7:30 o'clock, landed near Blois at 10:30 this morning, having travelled a distance of 100 miles. The Micromegas, which is about ten times smaller than l'Aigle, which ascended at he same time, traversed a distance of 192 miles, landing at Persae at 7:30 this morning.

Thus the smaller balloon travelled ninetytwo miles further than the larger and did it in three hours less time. The Micromegas however, carried only one passenger while the l'Aigle had ten men on board. The latter was consequently unable to carry more than 400 kilos of ballast and it was not expected that it would make a long journey.

COL. JOSEPH E. LORD OVERCOME. Found Unconscious in His Room With the

Gas Turned On

Col. Joseph E. Lord, a white haired man 60 years old, was found unconscious yesterday morning in his room at 11 East Thirtyfirst street. Col. Lord went on Saturday night to the boarding house, where he was entomed to stay when in New York. He got a front room on the top floor. It is not known what time he retired, but when the maid was doing the work yesterday morning she detected the odor of gas and traced it to the room occupied by Col. Lord. He was lying in bed with the gas pouring from the open jet. The windows were closed. An ambulance took him to Bellevue. Dr. White of the hospital staff said that there was a bare chance for recovery. He had not regained conscious-ness late last night.

ness late last night.

Col. Lord belongs to the Lawyers' Club
and is a member of Grace Church. He is
not a Regular army officer. The Rev. Karl
Lernard of 92 Fourth avenue called at the hospital to inquire after Col. Lord. 'I would not say anything about the Colonel.

TORNADO WRECKED TWO TOWNS.

Six Persons Known to Be Dead and Other Fatalities Reported.

DALLAS, Tex., April 28.-The tornado that swept over north Texas last night did its worst damage in Cook county. Valley View and Hemming were practically destroyed. Six persons are known to be dead, and there are reports of three others.
At Valley View the farm houses of C. J.
McCollum, E. M. Moss, A. R. Leach, W. J.
Maddox, R. D. Nichols and W. C. Nichols were destroyed. At Celeste, the cotton mill was damaged \$25,000. From Gaines-ville in a southeast course to Celeste, a distance of about 100 miles, many farms and fruit orchards were devastated.

Latest Marine Intelligence

CORONER HAS X-SCIENCE CASE there, then I'll order that body to the DOUGLASS GOT NEAR \$800,000.

\$300,000 FOUND IN DENNETT'S MANHATTAN CLUB BED.

\$165,000 Worth of Securities Yet Unrecovered by the Trust Co. of America, but Douglass's Bond Reduces Loss to \$140,000-Facts Hitherto Concealed.

A member of the executive committee of the Trust Company of America has thrown down the bars of silence regarding the stealings of William O. Douglass, the assistant loan clerk. In a long interview yesterday he told just how much the company was "out," what the company proposed to do in the matter of recouping the losses and to just what extent Douglass was trusted with securities deposited with

This trustee furthermore told that it was \$300,000 and not \$20,000 worth of stocks that were hidden in Broker O. M. Dennett's bed at the Manhattan Club and recovered there before that gentleman could start for Canada with them.

As things now stand the trust company s out just exactly \$140,000. The securities that are outstanding, having been hypothecated with various banking and brokerage concerns by Douglass and Dennett and which the company will have to redeem. amount to \$165,000, but from this should be deducted \$25,000, the amount in which Douglass was bonded by a surety company.

The Trust Company of America, however, according to this member of the executive committee, doesn't propose to lose \$140,000 of its surplus without a fight. This trustee, who speaks for others on the executive committee, is of the opinion that the brokers and bankers that gave Douglass and Dennett cash or the equivaent to, say, one-third of the value of the stolen securities should be made to suffer the loss. His contention in this regard is that if the banking and brokerage concerns were not aware of the fact that there was something wrong about the securities Dennett and Douglass offered they should have become suspicious when so small amounts of cash were asked for

"When Douglass and Dennett offered securities worth \$36,000 to secure from \$8,000 to \$10,000 in cash," said this trustee. "doesn't it stand to reason that a suspicion should have been raised? Wouldn't any ordinary person wonder why collateral worth just the amount wanted was not offered instead of the excess amount? In all of the cases where Douglass and Dennett disposed of the stolen securities they got nothing like the half value of

While this trustee refused to state just what total amount Douglass's stealings would foot up to, he admitted that many of the estimates so far given were low. He did state, however, that the amount did not total \$1,000,000.

Taken at the executive committeeman's realized only a part-less than a third on that the trust company has lost on the repair the break. outstanding securities represents a value of nearly \$500,000. Adding the \$300,000 found in the bed of Broker Dennett makes \$800,000.

The trustee who talked yesterday was reminded that it had been stated that Douglass stole \$550,000 and that ex-Mayor Josiah Quincy of Boston had said that when consulted in the deal Dennett had told him that "his friend" had taken \$1,000,-000 worth of securities. The member of the executive committee said:

"Well, the total stealings amount to figure between these two." What has become of the money Douglass

and Dennett raised is unexplained. The trustee who talked yesterday said that while he was of the opinion that much of this had been lost in speculation he felt sure that the pair had a snug sum tucked away somewhere. "Dennett was able to offer \$7,000 cash

for his release on bail," said the trustee, and that would indicate that he had some money. Furthermore, Dennett had from Saturday until Tuesday, when he was finally

arrested, to get the money out of sight-The trustee then said that had Douglass kept cool and not rushed away from his desk at 10:45 o'clock on Saturday morning he could easily have got far away before the robbery was discovered. The failure of the assistant bond clerk to return to his desk before closing time was what caused suspicion, and a hasty examination of the securities supposed to be on hand disclosed

the stealing. Broker Dennett was escorting Mrs. Dougass when employees of the trust company saw her and trailed her that Saturday night President Thorne, Vice-President Dowd and two clerks had been assigned to the Grand Central Station. They continued their watch until the last train had departed at 12:10 o'clock Saturday night or Sunday morning. This train, by the way, was the Montreal Express. Then they decided to

The two clerks came across Mrs. Douglass n the subway station and followed her and the man who was escorting her. They afterward followed the escort to the Manhattan Club and there learned that he was Dennett. Watch was kept on the club and on him and when he came out of the club on Monday he was made to go back and dig up the \$300,000 in bonds from his bed. There were 1,000 shares of Pennsylvania, some shares of Interborough-Metropolitan stock and some Rock Island.

"I am firm in the belief that it was the plan to make for Canada," said the execu-tive committeeman yesterday. He then told how Douglass, an assistant loan clerk, came to be able to steal so huge an amount of securities. The Trust Company of America, like most other similar institu-tions, he said, has been in the habit of keeping on deposit collateral owned by persons that had no loans standing against it. These securities were placed with the trust company by men speculatively bent. The plan was a simple one of accommodation for the speculators. A man wishing to take a flyer in a certain active stock would issue an order to his broker to draw collateral sufficient for the marginal deal from the deposit at the trust company. To facili-tate such matters these depositors had their securities in the name of some employee of the trust company.
was one of those so selected. full power to issue securities on such ord as his honesty was not questioned. as his honesty was not questioned. However, while Douglass was empowered to issue this collateral, the trust company itself was liable for the same, having receipted for the deposit. In this way Douglass was able to dish out or carry out stocks

and other securities as he saw fit and needed

merely to show his own record of the securi-

Duke of Manchester Knows of No Will bu That in Widow's Favor.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28 -- Mrs. James Henry Smith arrived from the Orient on the steamer Siberia late this afternoon, bringing the remains of her husband, who died suddenly in Japan. With Mrs. Smith were the Duke of Manchester and the Duchess, who was formerly Miss Zimmerman of Cincinnati.

Mrs. Smith declined to be seen, but the Duke talked brieffy concerning the affairs of the widow. He said: "The only will of Mr. Smith, of which any of us have any knowledge is that made in

Scotland at the time of the wedding. "This leaves the bulk of the estate to Mrs. Smith. It is not considered likely that there is a later will. We never heard of the document which Lady Cooper is said o have brought from England with her." Mrs. Smith will continue her journey to New York to-morrow night.

BALD EAGLE FAR OUT AT SEA. 100 Miles on the Anchor Liner

Columbia's Masts. The Anchor liner Columbia, in yesterday from Glasgow, passed on Wednesday off the Banks a gas buoy alight, with siren attached. The buoy was covered with barnacles and apparently had been some time adrift, but the siren was in order and was shricking weirdly. This is the same buoy that the Scandinavian-American liner Tietgen reported recently drifting close alongside an iceberg.

At noon on Saturday near Cape Race and far from land a fine big American eagle, probably driven off shore by a heavy gale lit on the fore truck of the Columbia. The day was mild and most of the passengers came out on deck to see the bird, which gazed down unconcernedly, after the confident fashion of self-possessed Americans. No effort was made to capture the bird. which looked as if it could put up a good scrap if necessary. It finally flew from the fore to the main truck and perched there, preening itself as calmly as if it was in its acrie. The passengers watched it wings and headed for the Yankee coast. The ship had helped it along more than a

FERRY GOERS INCOMMODED. Block of Cartlandt Street Closed Recause of Water Main Break

The thousands who desired to cross the Cortlandt street ferry were discommoded all last night by the complete blocking of Cortlandt street from Broadway to Church street. The closing of the street was due to a break in the 12 inch water main midway of the block.

The break occurred at 3:30 P. M. within few feet of the deep excavation of the New York Investment building to be erected on the site of the old Coal and Iron Exchange. A large amount of water poured through into the excavation, but did little damage. About twenty feet of Cortlandt street caved in slightly, but as the entire street in this own figuring that Douglass and Dennett | block is protected by heavy planking, there was little danger. A gang of men from the average—it can be seen that the \$165,000 | the Water Department worked all night to

As there was a steam pipe at the same point a few weeks ago the police of the Church street station thought it best to close the street until the repairs were made. The break is supposed to have been caused by displacement of earth due to the depth of the excava-

STROMBOLI SHAKES ITALY.

Observer at Florence Fears More Earthquakes if Low Barometer Persists.

ROME, April 28.-Father Alfani, directo f the Florence Observatory, connects the activity of the volcano of Stromboli with the recent earthquake shocks throughout Italy. He fears the shocks will be repeated if the present barometrical depression continues. Stromboli is emitting huge volumes of smoke, which are accompanied by loud rumblings. These sounds are also heard n Calabria, on the mainland.

WIRELESS TORPEDO FIRING.

Marconi Principle Said to Be Used Succ fully by Spanish Officers. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

MADRID, April 28.—Successful experients have been conducted by Spanish fficers in firing torpedoes without cables The system is based on the principle of Marconi's wireless telegraphy.

GIRLS' SCHOOL ROBBED.

Three Servants in Hamilton Institute and

Two Accomplices Arrested. Five persons were arrested last night in onnection with the theft of \$2,000 worth of valuables from the Hamilton Institute for Girls, at 3 West Eighty-first street. The emplainant in the case was Mrs. N. Archibald Shaw, wife of the proprietor of the Hamilton Institute for Boys, which is at 45 West Eighty-first street. The prisoners were locked up in the West Sixty-eighth

street police station. Two of them, Ellen Morris and Isaiah Washington, were servants in the girls' school. Charles Houldin was janitor in the boys' school. The other persons arrested, william and Rebecca Fields of 516 West Fifty-fifth street, the detectives say, had part of the stolen goods, and pawntickets for the rest in a trunks in their rooms in

ifty-fifth street. Mrs. Shaw missed two days ago some silverware and jewelry and complained to the West Sixty-eighth street police. She believed that it was a burglary done from outside. Three detectives found that the servants were going about with the Fieldses and yesterday watched that place. A and yesterday messenger boy with a telegram was stopped. The detectives found that it was a message to William Fields from Ellen Morris telling thim that she was in trouble and asking him to come up to see her. The detectives then entered the Fields place and found

WE ECKED BRIDGE SAVES TRAIN.

Girder Turned Up by Locomotive's Plunge Stops Pullman Cars. PITTSBURG, April 28.-On the Wabash Railroad at Bridgeville this morning a fast passenger train left the rails on a trestle crossing Chartiers Creek and with the ender and baggage car plunged thirty-five

feet into the stream.

Engineer M. M. W. Boyd. 34 years old.
of Rock Station, and Fireman James Mc-Isaacs, 25 years old, of Toledo, were killed. The wrecked part of the train twisted one of the iron girders so that its upturned end served as a buffer for the trucks of the passenger cars and prevented them from leaving the rails.

"SILENT" SMITH'S BODY ARRIVES. | MAYOR AND WIGWAM AT PEACE

ELLISON AND BIG TIM ARE A BOARD OF ARBITRATION.

First Meeting To-day to Reconcile Differences-The Mayor Will Drop Political Activities-Poolrooms Not Likely to Benefit-Where Does Featherson Stand?

Following the story in THE SUN of Sunday that Corporation Counsel William B. Ellison had been adopted by Mayor McClellan as his adviser in political affairs came a much more important announcement yesterday from Mr. Ellison himself. It is that Mayor McClellan has decided to end the warfare between himself and the Tammany Hall organization and to that end has appointed Mr. Ellison to represent him in conferences with a representative of the Democratic organization.

Mr. Ellison said last night that he believed that this representative would be no other than Big Tim Sullivan and indeed that a conference between the two had been arranged for this morning at 10:30 o'clock in the Corporation Counsel's office. This is to be the first of a series of such conferences, if more than one is found necessary, and when they have been brought to an end the full terms of complete peace between the factions long at war will have been arranged.

Just what this may be taken to mean, the Corporation Counsel indicated last night, was that Mayor McClellan was to retire from what might be called political activities and would devote himself to the administration of the city.

This agreement came into existence only a few days ago when the Mayor had a chance to see ex-Congressman Sullivan and talk over with him just how matters stood between the Mayor and the organization. It was frankly recognized that the warfare would not help the party and that the Tammany Hall people were laying themselves open to easy rout by quarrelling among closely until dusk, when it spread its broad | themselves. With this in view a serious step toward calling things off and burying the hatchet was taken.

After the talk with Big Tim the Mayor thought over carefully what was to be done. Mr. Ellison's advice in the matter of the recent appointment of Police Magistrates had had great influence with the Mayor and it was realized by both sides that the appointments, made on the advice of the Corporation Counsel, although they may have alienated Maurice Featherson, had been received with popular favor. On Saturday the Mayor had a conversation over the telephone with the Corporation

Counsel It was clear to those about the City Hall that Corporation Counsel Ellison was sitting in the golden seat, but they had very little idea of the extent of the powers to be conferred on him as a sort of Prime Minister. Over the telephone the Mayor notified Mr. Ellison of his intentions and the announcement met with the hearty approval of the Corporation Counsel. He at once made arrangements to meet Big Tim Sullivan.

"I have been selected by the Mayor," said Mr. Ellison last night, "with the idea of adjusting the differences between him tween them thus is virtually at an end. An agreement to this effect was reached only a short time ago. With the perfecting of the arrangement for a peace meeting the Mayor now retires from the field of political activities and will devote himself to the duties of the administration."

On what terms any agreement will be made Corporation Counsel Ellison was not prepared to say last night. He did not know what would be done about several suits that had been brought, for instance, in the matter of dock leases. The harassing of certain activities, such as poolrooms, which has been ascribed in some quarters to political differences, will probably not be affected by the sudden sounding of the call for peace—not if Bingham and Jerome

Of course the politicians who have been saying that Gen. Bingham was going to lose his job kept on saying so when they heard the news and added that McCarren wanted the place for Deputy Commissioner O'Keeffe but then a wish is a notorious father of tho ughts.

The course that the investigation of Borough President Ahearn's administration will now take is a matter concerning which there is only surmise at present, but Borough President Haffen of The Bronx has apparently been saved from the necessity of jumping either way.

Just which side made the first overture for peace is not certain. The Mayor had no hope of carrying the next primaries with Featherson as his commander in chief, but he had the power to make things extremely unpleasant. The chief reason for the peace agreement, it is believed, is the fear of losing control of the whole city while members of the party are fighting among

Mr. Featherson's views were not obtainable last night.

DAVID WILLCOX'S LAST LETTER Concerned Matters of Business Only and Threw No Light on the Suicide.

The letter written by David Willcox, who afterward shot himself on the steamship Barbarossa, and given by Mr. Willcox to the chief steward to mail has been accounted for. William G. Willcox, cousin of the dead man, said yesterday that the letter had been delivered to a business associate of David Willcox, to whom it was addressed. It was of a purely business nature and cast no light whatever upon the

suicide.

Mr. Willcox would say nothing concerning a will. He reiterated his statement of Saturday in which he said he was satisfied that David Willcox was not worried over financial matters. His cousin had considerable holdings of stock, he said, which had been bought outright, had never been a speculator and therefore could not have lost heavily in the recent decline. The securities which he had held were still in his name.

"There is no truth," Mr. Willcox said, "in the statement that my cousin went across for treatment for his eyes and that upon a failure of that treatment he shot himself. His eyes were not strong, and my own opinion is that they may have been affected by a kidney trouble, but they were not the

To End Lamplighters' Strike.

Negotiations were started yesterday be-

O'BRIEN'S HOUSE AFIRE AGAIN. OHIO COMMITTEE FIRST PRIZE Another Incendiary Blaze in Apartment

Owned by the Ex-Sheriff. Ex-Sheriff William J. O'Brien's apartment house at 432 East Fifty-eighth street was on fire again yesterday afternoon. There have been five fires in the house since April 5 and in every instance oil was found scattered around the place where

the fire started Yesterday's fire, like the others, started on the stairway, and the carpets and walls near by were found to be saturated with oil. The blaze was discovered by one of the tenants before it gained much headway and was put out without calling in the firemen. The fire marshal and detectives from the East Fifty-first street police station are trying to find out who it is that wants to burn down Mr. O'Brien's house.

GET THE CHIEF KIDNAPPER.

so Say the Police, Arresting Pampinelli

the Case of Salvatore Saitti. Lieut. Petrosino and four of his staff of Italian detectives arrested Pietro Pampinelli at Catharine and South streets last night, believing him to be the man who after discussing the State situation here has been at the head of the Italians who have kidnapped five boys in the last two years. What they particularly wanted Pampinelli for was the case of Salvatore Saitti, a six-year-old boy, taken on January 9 from his home at 365 West 126th street.

Pampinelli passed as the husband of Rosina Martinesi, who was arrested on Saturday night and identified by young Saitti as the woman in whose rooms he was kept prisoner for five weeks after being kidnapped.

Pampinelli said he was 27 years old, and gave his address as 73 Roosevelt street. He had been away from his home for several weeks, and the detectives had about lost hope of getting him. Rosina Martinesi lives at 35 Oliver steet.

PRESIDENT IN WASLINGTON.

He and Members of His Party That Went to Jamestown Returned at 1:30 Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—President Rooseelt, with Mrs. Roosevelt, Miss Ethel, Archie and Quentin Roosevelt and the other members of the Presidential party that went to attend the opening of the Jamestown Exposition, got back to Washington at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon on the United States yacht Mayflower. The landing was made at the navy yard, but no salute was fired; the naval regulations prohibiting such honors on Sunday. Only a few people were at the yard to see the President disembark. It was said at the White House after the President reached there that he had had a good time. The trip from Hampton Roads to Washington was without

NEW MEXICANS WANT HAGERMAN. Mass Meeting Protests Against President's Pian to Be Rid of Him.

ROSWELL, N. M., April 28.-A mass me ing was held here last night to protest against the acceptance of the resignation of Herbert J. Hagerman as Governor of New

ters and professional men of the city and resolutions were passed asking the President to suspend action on the resignation until a thorough investigation can be made and he has heard the Governor's side of the

BOY KILLED BY CHIEF'S BUGGY.

Going to a Fire. Battalion Chief Patrick F. Lucas of the Fortieth Battalion while riding to a small fire at 210 Twenty-eighth street, Coney Island, last night ran over and instantly killed Ernest Thompson, 15 years old, of 220

Forty-ninth street, Coney Island. An alarm had been sent in from the house of Stanley Villincy at 210 Twenty-eighth street, and Chief Lucas turned out in his runabout immediately after the fire engine eft the house. As the engine went across Fourth avenue and Thirty-fourth street the boy ran out behind it to watch it go up

the avenue. Lucas's horse was tearing along behind the engine and before he could even turn aside the boy was struck. Lucas stopped and sent a hurry call to the Norwegian Hospital, but Dr. Strahman said the boy's

death had been instantaneous. The fire did \$200 damage.

BABY FROM GRAND CENTRAL And Another From Bryant Park Classed

as Twins at Bellevue. Mrs. Maggie Kelly, matron in the Grand Central Station, at Forty-second street. found yesterday afternoon a three-weeksold female child in the waiting room. She turned the child over to a policeman to

take to Bellevue Hospital Mrs. Julia Lamb, matron in Bryant Park, also found a girl baby, three weeks old, and forwarded it to Bellevue. The two babies arrived at the hospital about the same time, and the nurses in the babies' ward, number 32, said that from appear ances the babies were twins.

There was no clothing or other marks by which they could be identified.

MAYOR SCHMITZ MAY CONFESS.

Approaches Graft Prosecutors With Pro

posal for Immunity. SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.-The latest candidate for immunity is Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz. His representatives have made a proposal to the graft prosecutors which is now under consideration, though

any immunity. Schmitz has offered to resign as Mayor make a full confession to the Grand Jury and join the reformers.

Rudolph Spreckels and District Attorney

Henry oppose giving the indicted Mayor

A confession from Schmitz would involve some of those "higher up" whom the prosecution is anxious to bring to justice.

Large Grist of Armed Italians in The Bronx Acting Captain Price of The Bronx detective bureau was out after armed Italians again yesterday. A week ago last Saturday Price with his men "risked," so he says, 1,000 Italians, but got only three weapons. He rounded up twenty-eight well armed men yesterday. Most of them carried knives tween the Lamplighters' Union and Supt.

Prendergast of the Welsbach Street Lighting Company for a settlement of the strike of lamplighters. The strike is expected to end before this evening.

MONDAY. APRIL 29, 1907. Partly cloudy to day; rain and cooler to-morrows fresh east winds.

> TAFT'S BOOMERS NOW CLAIM TO CONTROL A MAJORITY.

> Foraker People Admit the Less of Some Members—Reasons for Opposing Election Day Primaries -- Roosevelt Out to

Smash Foraker and All His Adherents. CINCINNATI, April 28.-Secretary Taft s now formally before the people of Chio as a Republican Presidential candidate.

The authoritative announcement of Arthur I. Vorys, manager of the Taft headquarters at Columbus, and the speech of Representative Burton at Trenton have put the Secretary in the field for Ohio's delegates to the national convention a year from June

Before Secretary Taft came here yesterday he and Representative Burton talked over the Ohio situation with President Roosevelt and the decision was reached that Representative Burton should speak up for Secretary Taft in an Eastern State and that Mr. Vorys as quickly as possible with Secretary Taft should proclaim to Ohio and the middle West that the Secretary was a candidate for the nomination.

The next scramble will be for control of the Republican State committee of Ohio. It is already on. The Taft people claimed to-day that they had a majority of the wenty-one members of the committee.

Senator Foraker did not care to talk politics to-day and will not for several days, because of the death of his brother, James R. Foraker, in this city yesterday. Friends of Senator Foraker, though, say that they still control the committee by a vote of fourteen to seven. Other Foraker people said that Secretary Taft's friends had got away from them two or three members of the committee. Secretary Taft's friends asserted that now that the Secretary has declared himself through Mr. Vorys and Mr. Burton to be an aspirant for the Presidential nomination, they would soon be in control of Ohio's State committee and that W. F. Brown of Toledo, chairman of the State committee, would be compelled to call a meeting of the committee and name a day for holding primaries in the State.

Brown is an adherent of Senator Foraker and Senator Dick. Secretary Taft's friends want the primaries to be held on election day in November. These primaries would cost \$30,000, and the cost is not to be borne by the State. The Foraker and Dick people insist that primaries called for State and national delegates cannot be called so as to interfere with municipal and township elections. Adjutant-General A. S. Critchfield, reflecting the Foraker-Dick interpretation of the primary situation, says;

The constitutional amendment of provides for municipal and local elections separate and distinct from county, State and general elections would be violated in spirit a primary were ordered for next fall.

The purpose of this amendment is to exrom municipal campaigns s having no local significance and thus enable each community to settle its own affairs without reference to outside or general considerations.

The very object of the amendment, which was adopted after years of discussion and agitation, world be destroyed if the Presidential or Senatorial questions were injected into next fall's campaign, for the voters' attention would be distracted from their local issues. might add that some of the men who are ow insisting upon a primary were the m strenuous in demanding the constitutional mendment. It is a fact also that many Republicans who favor Secretary Taft for President strongly object to the proposition for the reason that they want no interference

with their local contests this year. The Foraker-Dick adherents, after exended conferences, to-night put forth the following explanation as how the primary plank came to be inserted in last year's State platform: At the Republican State convention held

at Dayton last year a plank was adopted and

made a part of the platform, directing the

State central committee in issuing its call for the election of delegates to the next State convention to require that they should be chosen at primary elections. The statutes of Ohio authorize each county, municipality or township having occasion o elect delegates to any convention to elect them by primaries if it may see fit to do so. Hereafter under the provision of the plank referred to all delegates will have to be elected by primaries. The immediate purpose of adopting that plank was to break up the practice which has obtained for years to a

greater or less extent in Cuyahoga county

and which was resorted to by Mr. Burton

and his friends to enable them to secure a solid delegation to the Dayton convention of last year They have various methods to which they at different times resort, but they all have the same object in view. The method most commonly employed is the one employe last year. They call a mass convention of Republicans. The committee issuing the call has charge of the hall where the convention is to be held. It makes all arrangements for the temporary organization of the cor vention. As a result the hall is always in charge of men appointed by the committee to act as doorkeepers, ushers, &c. The result is the friends of the committee always get possession of the hall and others get in only after it is so far filled that they can constitute

only a minority. The mass convention at the proper time is called to order by the chairman of the committee, who nominates a temporary chairman for the convention. All this is cut and dried. Then the next thing in order after the organization is to appoint a com-

mittee to select delegates to the State con-In this way the delegates were chosen last year to represent Cuyahoga. gates consisted of sixty-eight delegates and sixty-eight alternates. While every man was chosen by the committee, yet no man was chosen by the committee unless he was approved by Mr. Burton, and every man who was accepted as a member of the delegation or as an alternate was required to pledge himself to vote for Mr. Burton or even further than that, to allow Mr. Burton to cast his vote for him to the end that the

county might vote as a unit. Mr. Burton made a speech in the convention in which he advocated the unit rule, an absolute deprivation of all recognition of the minority, an un-American, an un-Repub

lican proposition. Of the sixty-eight delegates so chosen by him twenty-one were officeholders under either the city of Cleveland or Cuyahoga county and ffteen of the alternates were the same. In other words, sixty-eight delegates from Cuyahoga county were not elected by anybody. They were simply chosen in the manner indicated, without any regard to the rights of the minority, and thirty-six